

The Hilltops

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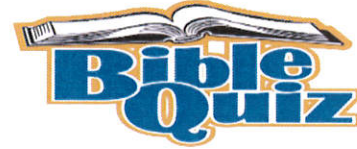
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Why does Lent last 40 days?

(February Question: What type of insect did John the Baptist eat in the desert? A: Locusts)



Peter Poehler, Mar 15
Rev. Joan-Anne Westfall, Mar 21
Tom Giardinella, Mar 26

Traditional Celtic Prayer

*May the Christ who walks on wounded feet
walk beside you on the road.
May the Christ who serves with wounded hands,
stretch out your hands to serve.
May the Christ who loves with wounded heart,
open your hearts to love.
May you see the face of Christ in everyone you
meet,
and may everyone you meet see the face of
Christ in you.*





Debbie Alger; Lily Andreasen; Joan Arsenault (Lynne's friend); Kathryn Bruen (Louise's sister, stroke); Judy Bureau; Patrick and Collette Burns; June Carr (Louise's lifelong friend); Betty Conley; Charlene Corris (a steamboat friend of Shirley Coit); Ralph Cusano (cancer); Mary Ann DiStefano (The Poehler's dear friend, ovarian cancer); Philip Durno (cancer); Keith Edmonds (cancer & heart problems); Emma Ermel; Marcus Ermel; Delaney Fallon; Bill and Gail Felton (homebound); Sandy Freeman; Donna Gallagher (brain injury); Andrew Garbino; Shirley Gibson & family; Steven (Ann Goebel's brother, cancer); Jimmy Harnish (cancer); the family of Kathy Harris; Lucky & Penny Howie; Michele Kelley; Jean Krikorian; Dondi LaRue; Tommy Maciorowski; Bob MacMaster; Joan McCorquodale; Chloe Miner; Dick & Judie Moore; Bob & Terry Newton; Lucinda Nichol (Judy's daughter); Linda Oakley; Lance Osborne; Debby Parker; Wallace Powers (cancer); Terry Quinn; Leslie Rice; Gloria Roddy (multiple myeloma); Peter Sheldon; Richard Simmons; Al St. Croix (cancer); Louise Thorpe; Patty Thorpe (MS and graves disease); Jimmy Tompkinson; Christine & Roy Walker; Don Waye (cancer); Rev. Joan-Anne Westfall; Emma Whitman; Sheila Wick; Nevaeh Wilder (cancer); Edward (Margie Wilson's brother, cancer); Robert Withee; Bonnie Wozniak; the victims of natural disasters all over the world; all those unemployed.



CommUnity Supper

March 11th will be our Irish Supper with our traditional menu of Irish stew, colcannon, roasted vegetables, barmbrack bread, and many wonderful desserts! Liz Cataldo will be at the keyboard playing some Irish tunes! Special thanks go to Liz and her brother, Dan Ericson, for the great music they provided during the Valentine Supper! Our Valentine supper was a success with our first Roast Turkey Dinner. Many Thanks to PACH for their help and everyone who cooked, served and contributed in many ways. This was our first supper where Townsend's Road Runner service, provided transportation to those who live in senior housing, and we had eight guests who were able to join us! We serve these dinners at no charge, and always the second Wednesday of the month, from 4 - 6 p.m. Hope you can join us for the next supper!



Judy Bureau's daughter Lucinda has been moved to a new rehab facility. The address is:

Lucinda Nicholl
Marlborough Hills Rehab
121 Northboro Road East
Room 135
Marlborough, MA 01752

Thank you to all who have been praying for her.



Church Cookbook News!

The co-chairs of the Church Cookbook, Sue Siart and Elaine Tittlemore, are asking for recipes, and if you haven't sent yours in, please do! We need many more, and in any category. Recipes can be mailed, to P.O. Box 497 if you'd like to mail them, or drop them off at the Church. There will be more information coming regarding this fundraiser.

Eagle House Senior Community Center in Lunenburg Honors John Siart, Volunteer of the Month!



John Siart started helping out with the Lunenburg Turkey Hill Family Lion's Club, and very soon after, they helped him. After getting laid off from his job, John found himself in need of help. After the arduous task of applying for the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP), and then unfortunately being denied, John didn't know where to turn. He found out about the Lunenburg Lion's Club Food Pantry, and made a call. It was Jane Doyle who answered the phone, and set up a time for John to meet Dave Berthiaume at the fire station.

John was in awe of the supplies he received, enough food to last a month. "This is the type of organization to belong to," he said to himself. Since then, John has volunteered on several occasions for the Lion's Club, starting with the food pantry, and onto making hot dogs at the summer band concerts, and Boys and Girls Club events. He helps out with the Easter Egg Hunt, decorating the Christmas tree at the gazebo in the center of town, and of course the Lion's Club Thanksgiving baskets, which help those in need enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving dinner, and the list goes on and on.

John enjoys being a worker for a good cause, and though he's been with the Lunenburg Lions for about eight years now, he's not looking for a promotion. John prefers being there to deliver food to the Pearl Brook Apartments, setting up for the Lions Club Pancake Breakfast at the Eagle House, and cooking burgers and dogs at the grill. Communities need volunteers like this, and we hope he stays that way for many years to come. Thanks John!

John, your Church family congratulates you and thanks you for all you do here in Townsend!
(Article taken from Amanda's Community Corner, Eagle House Senior Community Center Lunenburg, MA)

Faith Thought Submitted by Nancy Conlon

Your holiness makes you as conspicuous as the sun in the sky. You cannot hide your Christian character. Love cannot be hidden any more than can light. Least of all, it cannot be hidden when it shines forth in action. When you exercise yourself in a labor of love, in any kind of good work, you are observed. We may as well try to hide a city as to hide a Christian. It is the purpose of God that every Christian should be in open view. We are to give light to all that are in the house.
(John Wesley)

Source: Sermon, "Upon Our Lord's Sermon on the Mount: Discourse IV"

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:30am Choir practice 10:30am World Day of Prayer 11:30am Church Council	2 10am-12pm Wesley Group	3	4 12:30pm Women's Bible Study at Elaine Aho's	5	6	7
8 9:30am Choir practice	9 10am-12pm Wesley Group	10	11 4-6:00pm Free Community Supper	12	13	14 Newsletter Articles Due
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29 9:30am Choir practice 11:30am Positive Pot Luck	30 10am-12pm Wesley Group	31	12:30pm Women's Bible Study at Elaine Aho's			



Worship Times:

9:00am Casual Service
10:30am Traditional Service

Meetings and Social Events:

11:30am Church Council (1st and 3rd Sunday)
11:30am Positive Pot Luck (Last Sunday)

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